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2020 Election Guide



Senator Collins is a National Leader in the Conservation Movement and Deserves Re-Election

by David Trahan

In what can only be described as the ugliest and most divisive Senate race in the history of Maine politics, Republican Senator Susan Collins is having her whole public career redefined by hostile partisans from California and New York, determined to disparage and mislead voters on her record. They are doing so for only one purpose: power. They appear willing to spend a hundred million dollars in Maine to win a majority in the U.S. Senate, where these faceless, nameless individuals believe they will wield more power with a Democratic majority. This may be good for them in the short term, but it is horrible for Mainers, and nothing short of a travesty and an injustice to the stellar career and record of Senator Collins.

If these carpetbaggers are allowed to go unchallenged, our state could lose one of the most influential and respected conservation leaders in this nation, and in our state's history.

As a senior member of Congress and next in line to Chair the powerful Appropriations Committee, Senator Collins is best positioned to deliver key funding for wildlife habitat protection, public access to federal lands, and investments in fresh and saltwater fisheries.

We have been spoiled by Senator Collins' national political influence, and when she is gone, whether this November or when she retires, we will miss her passion for the Maine environment and her fair and commonsense approach to law-making. Maine is just a tiny state compared to most states and cities around the country; for example, our state has 1.3 million people, while the city of Phoenix, Arizona, has a population of 1.6 million.

Through Senator Collins' willingness to work with her fellow Senators, regardless of party affiliation (she was voted the most bi-partisan Senator in Congress

seven years in a row), she has positioned herself to be one of the most powerful and influential policymakers in America. Throughout her career we have been extremely lucky that conservation is one of her passions.

Truth be told, nearly every recent, major conservation project in the state has her fingerprints on it. To name a few:

Senator Collins co-sponsored the Great American Outdoors Act, and the bill became law in 2020. The bill provides stable, ongoing funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund at \$900 million a year. She also co-sponsored S.47, a comprehensive conservation and lands bill that included many sportsmen's initiatives and was signed into law in 2019. The bill supports habitat protections, fisheries and all forms of recreation.

And there is more:

- In 2006, Senator Collins helped convince President Bush to include funding in his budget to restore the Penobscot River system. The Penobscot River Restoration Project is one of the most important environmental projects in the state's history, and as a result thousands of miles along the Penobscot and its tributaries are now reopened for 12 native species of sea-run fish.
- In fiscal year 2020, Senator Collins helped secure funding (nearly \$100 million) for our national fish hatcheries, to support recreational anglers and their communities.

Senator Collins' Conservation Work has Not Gone Unnoticed. A few conservation honors include:

- In 2019, Senator Collins received the *Congressional Champion of 2019 Award* from *Conserve America*, given for leadership in Conservation and clean energy initiatives.



- In 2013, Senator Collins received the *Maine Nature Conservancy Champion of Nature Award* for her work conserving Maine's lands and waters.
- In 2011, Senator Collins received the *Bruce F. Vento Public Service Award*, the National Park Trust award for commitment to environment and service, skill, and innovation in support of our public lands.
- *Downeast Lakes Conservation Award* — honored her for her work securing \$6 million for the West Grand Lake Community Forest.
- *Friend of Outdoor Industry Award*— Senator Collins received this award for her work in support of the outdoor recreational community.
- *Katahdin Award*—The Maine Parks and Recreation Association presented

Senator Collins with this award in honor of her efforts to restore the Land and Water Conservation Fund stateside grants program, to help communities build parks, playing fields, and trails.

- *Northeast Director's Conservation Award*—In 2003, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service presented Senator Collins this award for her work promoting the recovery of the Atlantic Salmon.

Senator Collins has earned her reputation as a passionate advocate for Maine's unique natural resources. She is a reasonable and powerful voice for preserving Maine's outdoor culture and diverse natural resources. She deserves our respect and thanks, not just from her supporters, but from her opponents as well.

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Who can register and vote in Maine?

To **register**, you must be a United States citizen, at least 16 years of age to pre-register to vote and have established a fixed principal home in Maine.

To **vote** in a Referendum or General Election, you must be registered in the community where you reside, and be at least 18 years of age. A 17 year old may vote in a Primary Election, if that person will be 18 by the General Election.

How do I register to vote?

You can register to vote by filling out a voter registration card at your town office or city hall, through any Motor Vehicle branch office, in most state & federal social service agencies, or at voter registration drives.

You can also download and print a Maine voter registration application at the URL above.

If you cannot print the voter registration application, contact your town clerk to have a voter registration card mailed to you. A printed version of the voter registration card, with your original signature, must be kept on file by your town clerk, so the card cannot be transmitted electronically.

Completed voter registration cards may be hand delivered or mailed to your town office or city hall. Check this listing for telephone and mail contacts for each town and city.

When you register for the first time in Maine, you'll need to provide identity documents that show you have established your voting residence in the State of Maine.

The following documents are acceptable proof of identification for the purposes of registering to vote:

- Government document or credential with photo ID (i.e. driver's license, State ID, valid U.S. Passport, military ID)
- Government ID document/credential without photo (i.e. certified birth certificate or signed Social Security card)
- An official document that shows name and address of voter (i.e. eligibility for public benefits, utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck)
- Verified unique identifier (Maine driver's license number or last four numbers of Social Security Number)

Is there a deadline for registering?

There is no cut-off date for registering to vote **in person** at your town office or city hall. If you want to register to vote by mail

or through a voter registration drive, the cut-off date is the close of business on the 21st day before the election.

Where do I go to vote?

Every town and city has its own places where people vote, called voting places or "the polls". You can call your town office or city hall to find out where you vote. Voting places open between 6:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m., depending on the population of the town. Local officials can give you the exact opening time for your community. All voting places close at 8:00 p.m. on Election Day. You can find your polling place using the Voter Information Lookup Service at the URL above.

How do I mark a ballot?

Each ballot tells you how to mark your choices. If you have a question, ask an election official. If you make a mistake, fold your ballot and give it to an election official. The election official will give you another ballot. Some elections in Maine are conducting using ranked-choice voting. Learn more about ranked-choice ballots on our RCV Resources page.

Can I have help voting?

Yes. If you need help reading or marking the ballot, you may ask a relative or friend for assistance. The helper does not have to be a voter or old enough to vote. An election official can also help you read or mark a ballot. However, your employer or union official cannot help you vote.

Do I need to go to the polls on Election Day to vote?

No. Any registered voter may cast an absentee ballot instead of voting in person at the voting place.

You do not need to have a specific reason or be unable to vote at the voting place on Election Day to use an absentee ballot. Call your town or city clerk for an application and assistance.

More information about absentee voting is available at: www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/voter-info/absent.html

www.maine.gov/sos/cec/elec/index.html

SAM-ILA Rules and Process

Endorsements - Incumbent Preference

The SAM-ILA has a strict rule that only incumbents with a strong "pro-sportsmen and women" voting record will be considered for an endorsement in that specific race. **Exception: when an incumbent legislator, in either the House or Senate, is switching chambers or is in open seats, the Board reserves the final determination on a case-by-case basis; furthermore, in races in which neither candidate is an incumbent, the SAM-ILA board reserves the right to make the final determination on a possible endorsement.** This is because candidates without a history have easily "gamed" the SAM-ILA questionnaire to receive a good grade and an endorsement, and then were later found to oppose sportsmen and women of Maine. That does not mean non-incumbent candidates running against incumbents cannot receive the SAM-ILA support; it is just done through their grade.

Non-incumbent candidates with a SAM-ILA grade better than the incumbent, occur quite often. Candidates running for office have held elected positions and then seek different state and federal seats. In these cases, they are well-known to the outdoor community; in addition, they may have voting records we use to determine a final grade. **The non-incumbent, SAM-ILA**

grade can be the result of answers to the questionnaire, past roll calls and leadership history, or a combination of one or all these factors.

In this type of situation, we will highlight the past record when possible. A SAM-ILA grade of A+ is the best possible grade a non-incumbent candidate (for the office sought) can receive—even if they held that office in the distant past or another separate elected office in the last legislative session.

Issues and Mission

During the legislative session, we track legislation that impacts SAM members and the outdoor community both negatively and positively. The issues we follow impact referendum reform, hunting, fishing, land conservation, trapping, and firearm rights; in addition, we watch rule-making, municipal ordinances, and finally, we track federal legislation. Unlike other organizations that only follow one issue, like firearm rights, our mission, and the issues which we endorse, vary each year.

Firearm rights and hunting are the most important issues we use to determine a final endorsement or grade; but often other issues, like referendum reform and the establishment of a National Park, are taken into consideration. The Board makes the final decision on all grades and endorsements.

Candidate Interviews

The SAM-ILA Board interviews candidates (at the Board's discretion) mostly for higher offices, like Governor, U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives. On occasion, the Director will follow-up with candidates for state office to clarify positions.

Roll Calls

Roll call votes are very important when determining an incumbent's endorsement. Roll calls are tracked by the Executive Director, but final determination of roll calls for grading purposes is the purview of the SAM-ILA Board of Directors.

Endorsements and Grades-2020

The Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Institute for Legislative Action works diligently to create a fair and transparent system to

grade and endorse candidates. Our intention is to identify those running for elected office who most align with the issues important to the SAM membership. No system is perfect, and on occasion we miss a candidate. Also, because candidates withdraw and are replaced, some can fall through the cracks. We spend many hours trying to ensure that we make no mistakes. In those rare occasions when we do, we correct them as quickly as possible.

Thank you to all candidates who took the time to fill out the questionnaire. SAM members can find out how each candidate answered questions by calling 207-623-4589. Staff and the SAM-ILA Board of Directors reserve the right to decline inquiries on candidate answers or sharing information with non-members.

Visit www.samila.org to view the SAM-ILA questionnaires.

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GENERAL PURPOSE.

The Corporation is organized and operated for the purpose of preserving Maine's Outdoor Heritage, including but not limited to hunting, fishing, trapping, and 2nd Amendment rights and will work within the meaning of 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law, including for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which are recognized as exempt from tax under such 501(c)(4).

MISSION STATEMENT:

- » To influence public policy to preserve Maine's Outdoor Heritage, including but not limited to hunting, fishing, trapping, and 2nd Amendment rights.
- » Develop and provide information on wildlife resources, field sports and conservation programs that will benefit such resources, sports and programs.
- » Educate the public concerning the American heritage of hunting, trapping and fishing.
- » Initiate and participate in litigation in the courts when necessary to protect the beneficial pursuits of hunting, trapping, fishing, and scientific wildlife management practices.
- » Promote and explain field sports, wildlife conservation and scientific wildlife management practices through literature, films, the press, television, and radio.
- » Provide organizations throughout the state with financial and management assistance to achieve these purposes.
- » Defend and protect the right of individuals to keep, use, and bear firearms.

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United States House of Representatives

Second Congressional District

Rep. Jared Golden

Democrat
SAM-ILA Grade A+



Congressman Jared Golden is seeking re-election to Maine's Second District. He earned our respect and a grade of A+ for his two-year voting record, answers on his SAM-ILA questionnaire, and his willingness to place his constituents first and politics second.

In March 2019, the U.S. House of Representatives introduced legislation to expand firearm background checks to private sales, a bill promoted by New York billionaire Michael Bloomberg and his organization, Mom's Demand Action. The bill was nearly identical to a proposal defeated by referendum here in Maine just a few short years ago. Congressman Golden voted NO and immediately received condemnation from progressive Democrats in Congress and their gun control surrogates.

These excerpts from a March 4, 2019 *Sun Journal* story capture the moment perfectly: "Golden is among a small group of Democratic lawmakers whose votes have upset liberal firebrand Alexandria

Dale Crafts

Republican
SAM-ILA Grade A+



Ocasio-Cortez, a first-term Democrat from New York, enough for her to speak out against them."

Rep. Golden gets special recognition for angering Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez!

"She said she is unhappy with a small 'moderate wing', which includes Golden, because its supporters opposed California Democrat Nancy Pelosi for Speaker, supported compromise on President Donald Trump's proposal wall, and backed ICE.

"Everytown for Gun Safety Action Fund', a group devoted to what it calls 'common sense' gun regulation, has taken out at least 135 social media advertisements in the past few days on Facebook alone to go after the first-term, 2nd District member of Congress.

"In its ads, the group insists Golden 'failed us' and 'sided with the gun lobby' in his opposition to background checks on most private gun transfers, and for another bill to give the FBI more time to carry out the checks before a sale goes through."

First Congressional District

Dr. Jay Allen

Republican
SAM-ILA Grade A+



Dr. Jay Allen is running to unseat Congresswoman Chellie Pingree, who did not participate in our grading or endorsement system. Dr. Jay Allen received his grade of A+ based on the answers he provided on the SAM-ILA questionnaire. He was very strong in his support of the Second Amendment and appeared to be a person that would support the outdoor community. We wish him well in his race!

Rep. Chellie Pingree did not return her SAM-ILA questionnaire. In the past she has been an active supporter of gun control and is not viewed as a friend of our outdoor community. Unfortunately, Rep. Pingree has not shown an interest in working with the SAM-ILA.

The SAM-ILA appreciates the fact that Congressman Golden is willing to stand up to the progressive wing of the Democrat Party, and through his actions has earned his stripes as a "Blue Dog."

The **Honorable Dale Crafts** is a SAM Board member, (on leave) and is well known to the SAM-ILA. Dale served in the legislature with the SAM Executive Director and several members of the SAM Board of Directors. He is a strong advocate and supporter of the Second Amendment. As a legislator he served on the

Inland Fisheries and Wildlife Committee with distinction.

Dale is considered one of the "SAM family" and has helped our organization in too many ways to count.

Dale received a grade of A+ for his past voting record, SAM-ILA questionnaire responses, and a lengthy interview. Dale hunts, fishes, and recreationally shoots. As a result, he understands the issues that sportsmen and women care about. In this race, we are blessed to have two good choices!

Note: The Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Institute for Legislative Action does not endorse non-incumbent candidates when they are challenging a sitting legislator. This policy has existed for many years and exists because, in the past, some candidates have misled our organization on their SAM-ILA questionnaire and voted differently once elected. Because incumbents have a past voting record, they can be considered for an endorsement.

Significant State Races

Any candidate grading or endorsement system cannot tell the inside story about what happens in the course of a legislative session. It is impossible to measure the most important elements that make up relationships that enable people, of all political affiliations, to make good laws. A grading system can't tell you who we can trust, who are the players we work with, and who championed our causes.

For those reasons, we have chosen several House and Senate races to highlight, and how they impact us, positive or negative. There are often two candidates in a race who we consider "friends of the outdoor community". In the cases where we feel our system has not done justice to the candidates, we will give more clarification and information.

Senate District 2: Senator Michael Carpenter vs. Rep. Harold Stewart

We are blessed to have two good candidates in the District 2 Senate race. The SAM-ILA endorsed incumbent **Senator Michael Carpenter**, D-Houlton, for re-election. Senator Carpenter, Chair of the Judiciary Committee, was a key and trusted player in helping to defeat the "Red Flag" bill promoted by gun control groups from out of state. He received an A+ on his legislative questionnaire, and if re-elected we feel he would be great advocate for the outdoor community. In recognition of his work, the SAM-ILA pre-



sented him with an award for his legislative accomplishments.

Rep. Harold Stewart is the Republican Minority leader in the House of Representatives. Rep. Stewart has been a long-time friend of sportsmen and women. He has always supported gun owners and can be trusted on our issues. In this race, the people of Aroostook County have two good choices for their next State Senator.



Senate District 7: Senator Louis Luchini vs. former Senator Brian Langley

In this race we have two terrific gentlemen running to represent Downeast Maine.

Senator Luchini is an honest, fair, and good man who has stood up for what is right for his community. We have had a great working relation-



ship with Senator Luchini, and can't say enough about his approach to governing.

The same can be said about former State Senator **Brian Langley**. He served his community with distinction for many years, and would do a terrific job. Count your blessings, Downeast Maine; you'll have great representation with either of these men.



 **Are you registered to vote?**

www.maine.gov/portal/government/edemocracy/elections_voting.html

Firearm Policy is the Deciding Factor

SAM-ILA Endorses Senator Collins for Re-election to the U.S. Senate

Her Opponent, Rep. Sara Gideon, Receives the Grade of F

by David Trahan

US Senator Susan Collins
Republican



“The right of the people to keep and bear Arms, shall not be infringed.”

In Maine, firearm ownership is our birthright as free Americans. The Constitutional right to own firearms exists so we can protect ourselves and our property from criminals and a tyrannical government.

We take this right very seriously, and since the creation of our state, Maine has built one of the most comprehensive firearm safety instructor networks in the nation. In addition, we have fostered a deep respect for the rule of law and the concept of personal responsibility. This is why Maine is ranked first in the nation as the safest place to live as it relates to violent crime.

We are perplexed that US Senate candidate Sara Gideon acts like Maine is inner-city Chicago and feels that we must be disarmed. The SAM-ILA is gravely concerned with the upcoming U.S. Senate race between Senator Collins and Rep. Gideon. Although we have no ill feelings toward Rep. Gideon, or her political party, we do strongly disagree with the firearms policies she supports, and we question whether she respects our outdoor culture and firearms in general.

Rep. Gideon has established close ties with our nemesis, ex-New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his gun control organization, Moms Demand Action. As a result, we feel compelled to not only oppose her candidacy, but alert the firearm community about her positions on our firearm rights and the possible consequences if she is elected.

As part of our election year grading and endorsement process, Rep. Gideon and Senator Collins completed their SAM-ILA questionnaires, and I personally interviewed Senator Collins for over an hour on firearm policy and outdoor issues. Unfortunately, because of Rep. Gideon's time constraints, we were unable to interview her before the SAM-ILA deadlines expired. The following policy positions were derived from Rep. Gideon's answers provided on her SAM-ILA questionnaire.

- If elected, Rep. Gideon is undecided whether to require individuals to

Maine Speaker Sara Gideon
Democrat
SAM-ILA Grade F



obtain a license to purchase, acquire, or possess a firearm or ammunition.

- Rep. Gideon supports *“raising the minimum age to purchase handguns and semi-automatic weapons to 21, but strongly believes 18-year-olds should be able to purchase rifles like those commonly used for hunting in Maine.”* She doesn't seem to understand that hunters routinely use semi-automatic firearms to hunt with, and these firearms have been around since 1885.
- Rep. Gideon will vote to support universal background checks, something Mainers just rejected by referendum.
- Rep. Gideon supports the most extreme “Red Flag” Laws in the nation.
- Rep. Sara Gideon will vote to ban certain semi-automatic firearms that “look scary”.
- Rep. Gideon will vote to restrict magazine capacity to 10 rounds, making most semi-automatic, self-defense handguns illegal.
- Rep. Gideon will support requiring federally licensed dealers to submit and annually certify compliance with a government approved security plan.
- Rep. Sara Gideon will vote to use the Consumer Products Safety Commission to issue safety standards for firearms and firearm components. Such an action is the foundation for future litigation against firearm manufacturers.
- Rep. Gideon will vote to repeal civil liability protections for firearm manufacturers. Such an action would lead to every ambulance chasing attorney in America suing firearm manufacturers when a crime is committed with a firearm. Gun control advocates will litigate firearm manufacturers into bankruptcy.

The Sportsman's Alliance of Maine, Institute for Legislative Action did not take lightly our endorsement of Senator Collins. There is a distinct difference between the two candidates in this race as it relates to firearm rights, which could have negative ramifications well beyond the current election cycle. Senator Collins' approach to firearm policy and all other matters is to examine a policy on

Roll Call Votes Explained

During the legislative session, several bills are voted on that could have a very positive impact on the outdoor community — or a very negative impact. We track these bills and report to our members how individual legislators vote, positive or negative. In this spreadsheet, we highlight some of these bills so you can evaluate how your area legislator aligned with your values.

I will start with **LD 1811**: *“An Act to Enhance Personal and Public Safety by Requiring Evaluations of and Judicial Hearings for Persons in Protective Custody Regarding Risk of Harm and Restricting Access to Dangerous Weapons.”* Sponsored by Senator Lisa Keim (R).

LD 1811 was the most controversial bill of the legislative session. After the election, when Democrats took strong majorities in each chamber of the legislature and the Governorship, gun control advocates believed they had a clear path to pass gun control, including “Red Flag” legislation written and promoted by ex-New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his national organization, Moms Demand Action. Senator Rebecca Millett (D) introduced **LD 1312**: *“An Act Regarding Access to Firearms by Extremely Dangerous and Suicidal Individuals.”*

LD 1312 is the “Bad” Red Flag legislation being promoted around the country. The SAM-ILA strongly opposed this bill, and we spearheaded the effort to kill it! **LD 1811** was the legislation to improve our protective custody and mental health laws, and one we also spearheaded with our friends at the NRA and Gun Owners of Maine, as well as dozens of other organizations and the Governor's office.

After we defeated **LD 1312** and moved forward with **LD 1811**, Moms Demand Action tried to sabotage our legislation by amending the state's protective custody statute to lower the standard by which officers can place you into custody, and possibly take your firearms. The standard to place a person into protective custody has always been probable cause to believe a person is experiencing a mental health

crisis, and the officer believes the person is a risk to themselves or others.

- The first roll call on **LD 1811**, the “Good” bill, House roll call number 314, was to accept the minority committee report, the version that *lowered* the standard to put people into protective custody for the purposes of taking their firearms. A “No” vote is the position of the SAM-ILA.
- The second roll call on **LD 1811** was in the Senate and was unanimous in favor of LD 1811, (32-0) roll-call number 345. A “Yes” vote is the position of the SAM-ILA.
- The third roll call is on a SAM-ILA bill we have introduced several times and have fallen just a few votes shy of a necessary two-thirds (2/3) in both chambers, **LD 255**, House roll call number 295: *“Resolution, Proposing an Amendment to the Constitution of Maine to Require That Signatures on a Direct Initiative of Legislation Come from Each Congressional District”*, sponsored by Senator Brad Farrin. If passed, the bill would give a voice to the whole state when a referendum is placed before the voters. A “Yes” vote is the position of the SAM-ILA.
- The fourth roll call is on **LD 255**, The Constitutional Resolution in the Maine Senate, roll call number 261. A “Yes” vote is the position of the SAM-ILA.
- The fifth roll call is on the “Bad” Red Flag legislation, **LD 1312**, introduced by Moms Demand Action and opposed by the SAM-ILA. On House roll-call number 296. A “No” vote is the SAM-ILA position.
- The sixth roll call is also on LD 1312 “Red Flag”. The vote is Senate roll call number 318, and it is to accept the “Ought Not to Pass Report”. A “Yes” vote is the position of the SAM-ILA.

Votes by current members of the Legislature who are running for office this year are listed on the facing page.

its merit, listen to the advocates on both sides, and then actively work for solutions that best fits the State of Maine.

Rep. Gideon's approach is the opposite. She has already committed to support extreme gun control proposals written by national gun control groups and financed by ex-New York Mayor, Michael Bloomberg. In a Facebook live meeting, hosted by Moms Demand Action, Rep. Sara Gideon said, “Here in the state of Maine, gun safety laws are something that has been incredibly challenging to pass”, and, *“gun safety legislation needs to*

be set at the federal level”. She went on to implore Moms Demand Action members to elect her so they can *“ban assault weapons and so much more.”*

By making such a statement, Rep. Gideon is implying Mainers aren't smart enough to know what's good for them. When we elect our Senator in November, we deserve a Senator who respects this one simple fact—**they represent Mainers, not special interests from out of state.**

Table with columns: Dist., Party, Name, LD 1811 (House, Senate), LD 255 (House, Senate), LD 1312 (House, Senate)

SENATE ROLL-CALL VOTES

Table listing Senate roll-call votes for LD 1811, LD 255, and LD 1312. Includes names like Troy Dale Jackson, Michael E. Carpenter, Harold L. Stewart III, etc.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ROLL-CALL VOTES

Table listing House of Representatives roll-call votes for LD 1811, LD 255, and LD 1312. Includes names like Michele Meyer, Lydia Blume, Patricia Hymanson, etc.

Table with columns: Dist., Party, Name, LD 1811 (House, Senate), LD 255 (House, Senate), LD 1312 (House, Senate)

Table listing roll-call votes for various districts (63-151). Includes names like Bruce A. Bickford, Bettyann Watson Sheats, Amy B. Arata, etc.

Party Abbreviations
D Democratic
CSI Common Sense Independent
G Green
IfM Independent for Maine
Ind Independent
R Republican

Legislative Endorsements and Grades – 2020

One hundred and eighty-six legislative seats are up for re-election in 2018. The Maine House of Representatives has 151 members and the Senate has 35. When the dust clears on election night, elected Representatives and Senators will be seated and, in the biennial session, will vote on nearly 3,000 bills. These future votes will change laws we must all live by and it is crucial to all of us, as sportsmen and women that we vote.

Our goal is to give you the best information possible on the outdoor issues we all care about; but, at the end of the day, we understand and respect the different politics we all share. We strive to protect and conserve our magnificent natural resources and the rights to access those resources for our generation and the next. Collectively, we make up one of the most powerful political forces in New England and we must take that responsibility very seriously. For that reason, we strive to create a fair and non-partisan system to grade and identify like-minded supporters and those who would oppose us. We hope this information is helpful!

Maine Senate

District 1	✓ *D Troy Dale Jackson A+	R Brian Vincent Schaefer A
District 2	✓ *D Michael E. Carpenter A+	*R Harold L. Stewart III A+
District 3	✓ *R Bradlee Thomas Farrin A+	D Katherine Jordan Wilder
District 4	✓ *R Paul T. Davis Sr. A	D David F. Ziemer
District 5	✓ *D James F. Dill A	R Christian Forrest Ireland
District 6	D Jeffrey Lovit	*R Marianne Moore
District 7	R Brian D. Langley	*D Louis Luchini
District 8	U Teresa Montague D	*R Kimberley C. Rosen
	D Beverly B. Uhlenhake	
District 9	U Kristie L. Miner B	D Joseph M. Baldacci A+
	D John David Hiatt	
District 10	D Frederick Harold Austin	✓ *R Stacey K. Guerin A
District 11	D Glenn Chip Curry	R Duncan Scott Milne A+
District 12	*D David R. Miramant	R Gordon V. Page Sr. B
District 13	✓ *R Dana L. Dow A	*D Chloe S. Maxmin
District 14	*D Shenna Bellows	R Mark L. Walker A
District 15	D Kalie A. Hess	✓ *R Matthew Gary Pouliot A+
District 16	✓ *R Scott Wynn Cyrway A	D Hilary D. Koch
District 17	✓ *R Russell J. Black A+	D Jan M. Collins
District 18	✓ *R Lisa M. Keim A+	D Gabriel M. Perkins D

District 19	R Richard A. Bennett A+	D Katherine S. Branch
District 20	*D Ned Claxton Incomplete	R Matthew Joseph Leonard A
District 21	R Timothy Joseph Gallant	*D Nathan L. Libby
District 22	D Martha M.S. Poliquin	✓ *R Jeffrey L. Timberlake A
District 23	R Holly J.P. Kopp	*D Eloise A. Vitelli
District 24	*D Matthea Elisabeth Daughtry	R Bradford Alan Pattershall F
District 25	*D Catherine E. Breen	R Jennifer L. White
District 26	✓ *D G. William Diamond A	R Karen L. Lockwood
District 27	*D Benjamin M. Chipman	
District 28	*D Heather Sanborn	
District 29	R Stephanie Anderson	*D Anne M. Carney
District 30	D Stacy Fielding Brenner	R Sara L. Rivard Incomplete
District 31	*D Justin M. Chenette	R William J. Gombar
District 32	R Robert A. Daigle A+	*D Susan A. Deschambault
District 33	D Michael A. McKinney A+	✓ *R David C. Woodsome A
District 34	R Michael Pardue	D Joseph E. Rafferty Jr.
District 35	*D Mark W. Lawrence	R Bradley S. Moulton

Maine House of Representatives

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Party Abbreviations	
D	Democratic
CSI	Common Sense Independent
FtP	For the People
G	Green
IfM	Independent for Maine
Ind	Independent
R	Republican
U	Unenrolled

District 51		
R	Stephen Warner Davis	A+
*D	Joyce McCreight	
District 52		
*D	Sean C. Paulhus	
R	Kenneth D. Sener	
District 53		
*D	Allison L. Hepler	
R	Jeffrey K. Pierce	A
District 54		
R	Toni Jo Bashinsky	Incomplete
*D	Denise A. Tepler	
District 55		
*D	Seth A. Berry	
R	Peter A. Lewis	A
District 56		
D	Scott N. Gaiason	
✓ *R	Richard G. Mason	A+
District 57		
D	Patricia A. Fogg	
*R	Thomas H. Martin Jr.	
District 58		
R	Jonathan M. Connor	
*D	James R. Handy	
District 59		
*D	Margaret M. Craven	
R	John D. Reeder	
District 60		
*D	Kristen Sarah Cloutier	D
R	John H. Morrison	
District 61		
*D	Heidi Eileen Brooks	
R	Christopher L. Morin	
District 62		
Ind	John M. Michael	
R	James A. Cyr	
*D	Gina M. Melaragno	
District 63		
✓ *R	Bruce A. Bickford	A+
D	Patricia M. Gautier	
District 64		
R	Laurel D. Libby	A
*D	Bettyann Watson Sheats	
District 65		
*R	Amy B. Arata	
D	Misty L. Coolidge	
District 66		
*D	Jessica L. Fay	
R	Gregory E. Foster	B
District 67		
Ind	Mark D. Grover	D
D	Susan Ann Accardi	
✓ *R	Susan M. Austin	A
District 68		
Ind	Patrick J. Scully	
✓ *R	Richard M. Cebra	A
District 69		
*Ind	Walter N. Riseman	
R	Michael J. Davis	
District 70		
D	Nathan Robert Leigh Burnett	
✓ *R	Nathan J. Wadsworth	A
District 71		
✓ *R	H. Sawin Millett Jr.	A+
D	Kenneth Morse	
District 72		
D	Jennifer Rebecca Blastow	
✓ *R	Kathleen Rose Jackson Dillingham	A
District 73		
✓ *R	John E. Andrews	A
D	Joshua Charles Woodburn	
District 74		
R	Sheila A. Lyman	
*D	Christina Riley	
District 75		
✓ *R	Joshua K. Morris	A+
D	John M. Nutting	A+
District 76		
D	Deborah Foss Emery	
R	Daniel Newman	A
District 77		
D	Marion Suzanne Menair	
I R	Michael Dana Perkins	

District 78		
R	Cathy R. Nadeau	Incomplete
D	Raymond R. Caron	
District 79		
D	Lindsey Danielle Harwath	
✓ *R	Timothy S. Theriault	A+
District 80		
✓ *R	Richard T. Bradstreet	A+
D	Gregory Richard Hallee	
District 81		
D	Tavis Rock Hasenfus	
R	Joseph J. Pietroski	Incomplete
District 82		
*CSI	Kent F. Ackley	
✓ *R	Randall Adam Greenwood	A+
District 83		
R	Denis Alan Coutts	
*D	Thomas A. Harnett	
District 84		
R	Scott B. Taylor	A+
*D	Charlotte M. Warren	
District 85		
R	William L. Clardy	
✓ *D	Donna R. Doore	A+
District 86		
✓ *R	Justin Jacob Fecteau	A
D	Adam F. Turner	
District 87		
✓ *R	Jeffrey P. Hanley	A+
D	Timothy I. Marks	
District 88		
D	Christopher C. Hamilton	
R	Michael H. Lemelin	
District 89		
R	Stephanie Hawke	A+
*D	Holly B. Stover	
District 90		
D	Lydia V. Crafts	
R	Merle James Parise Jr.	
District 91		
✓ *Ind	Jeffrey Evangelos	A+
R	Lowell B. Wallace	
District 92		
R	Karry Leparulo	
*D	Ann Matlack	
District 93		
D	Valli D. Geiger	F
R	Michael J. Mullins	
District 94		
*D	Victoria W. Doudera	
District 95		
*IfM	William D. Pluecker	
R	Molly P. Luce	A
District 96		
R	Katrina J. Smith	A+
*D	Stanley Paige Zeigler Jr.	
District 97		
R	Matthew M. Digoia	
*D	Janice S. Dodge	
District 98		
R	Jessica T. Connor	
*D	Scott William Cuddy	
District 99		
✓ *R	MaryAnne Kinney	A+
D	April D. Turner	
District 100		
*R	Danny E. Costain	
D	Carroll E. Payne	
District 101		
*R	David Haggan	
D	William J. Lippincott	
District 102		
✓ *R	Abigail W. Griffin	A+
District 103		
D	Robin S. Russel	
R	James E. Thorne	A+
District 104		
✓ *R	Steven D. Foster	A
District 105		
D	Wallace A. Seavey	
✓ *R	Joel R. Stetkis	A

District 106		
D	Ethan S. Brownell	
R	Amanda Noelle Collamore	
District 107		
*D	Betty A. Austin	
R	Jennifer L. Poirier	
District 108		
D	Thomas W. Munson	
✓ *R	Shelley J. Rudnicki	A+
District 109		
R	Richard Andrew Foss Jr.	A+
*D	Bruce A. White	
District 110		
U	Mark R. Andre	B+
*D	Colleen M. Madigan	
District 111		
R	John E. Ducharme III	A
District 112		
D	Peter M. Bourgelais	
✓ *R	Thomas H. Skolfield	A+
District 113		
R	Stephan M. Bunker	
✓ *D	H. Scott Landry Jr.	A+
District 114		
*R	Randall C. Hall	
D	Gregory M. Kimber	
District 115		
*R	Josanne Dolloff	incomplete
D	John L. Patrick	A+
District 116		
D	Christopher S. Berryment	
✓ *R	Richard A. Pickett	A+
District 117		
*R	Frances M. Head	
D	Savannah Leah Sessions	
District 118		
*R	Chad Wayne Grignon	
District 119		
D	Margarita L. Contreni	
✓ *R	Paul A. Stearns	A+
District 120		
✓ *Ind	Norman E. Higgins	A+
D	Richard A. Evans	
R	Chad Richard Perkins	
District 121		
✓ *R	Gary A. Drinkwater	A
D	Megan L. Smith	
District 122		
✓ *D	Michelle A. Dunphy	A+
R	Edward L. Paradis	
District 123		
R	Cameron S. Bowie	
D	Laurie Osher	
District 124		
R	Daniel R. LaPointe	
*D	Joseph C. Perry Sr.	
District 125		
R	Patrick Joseph Herbert	
D	Amy J. Roeder	
District 126		
R	Joshua Timothy Hiatt	
D	Laura D. Supica	
District 127		
*D	Barbara A. Cardone	
R	Noah James Hall	
District 128		
R	Garrel R. Craig	
*D	Kevin J.M. O'Connell	

District 129		
✓ *R	Peter A. Lyford	A
District 130		
D	Nicolas Delli Paoli	
R	Kathy L. Downes	
District 131		
✓ *R	Sherman Hutchins	A+
D	Veronica Garvey Magnan	
District 132		
*D	Nicole C. Grohoski	
R	Michelle Renee Kaplan	
District 133		
*D	Sarah A. Pebworth	
District 134		
*D	Genevieve L. McDonald	
District 135		
G	Benjamin J. Meiklejohn	
R	Timothy Oh	C
D	Lynne A. Williams	F
District 136		
D	Antonio Blasi	
✓ *R	William Robert Faulkingham	A
District 137		
R	Meldon H. Carmichael	A+
D	Maxwell G. Coolidge	
District 138		
*D	Robert W. Alley Sr.	
R	Kimberley Florence Robinson	
District 139		
D	Patricia A. Godin	D
✓ *R	William R. Tuell	A+
District 140		
R	Michael Dean Lawson	B
*D	Anne C. Perry	
District 141		
D	Donald M. Green	
✓ *R	Kathy Javner	A
District 142		
D	Natalie D. DiPentino	
R	Jeffery A. Gifford	A
District 143		
D	Charles Patrick Pray	Incomplete
R	Peggy Jo Stanley	
District 144		
D	Kathryn Burke Harnish	
R	Tracy Quint	
District 145		
U	Randy S. Rockwell Sr.	
✓ *R	Chris A. Johansen	A+
D	Robert Alvah Zabierek	
District 146		
D	Tammy L. Delong	
✓ *R	Dustin M. White	A+
District 147		
D	Lillie N. Lavado	
R	Joseph F. Underwood	A+
District 148		
*D	David Harold McCrea	F
R	Brian J. Redmond	
District 149		
R	Susan Bernard	A+
D	David G. White	
District 150		
R	Aaron Cyr	A+
✓ *D	Roland Daniel Martin	A+
District 151		
R	Kevin A. Bushey	A+
✓ *D	John L. Martin	A+



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Brady Wallace with a handsome brown trout, caught May 2020 in the Kennebec, 21 in. long and 3.5 lbs.



Hunter Higgins (14) with his buck that he harvested with a muzzleloader while hunting with his dad, Paul.



Shane Scribner (11) with his dad, Kris, and grandpa, SAM Member Ken Scribner. This 3-pointer was shot at 50 yards.



Remy Webb (9) with partridge that he shot this fall.



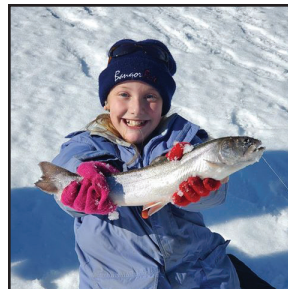
Hunter Penney, harvested his moose on Oct. 13, 2018 in Zone 2. It weighed 675 lbs. and had a 37-in. spread.



Cohen Winslow (4) caught this pickerel with a trap that he just got from his great Uncle Bob.



Kaylee Arsenault with her grandfather from Minot, on their DYI hunt in Passadumkeag



Alexandrea Grover with a 16-in. trout.



Rachel McManus (17), hunting with her dad, Lee.

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Meet the SAM NEWS team



Lillian Nutter (13) and her father, Tyler Nutter with a 22" bass caught this summer at Knights Pond in South Berwick. She caught this on the world famous "one last cast."



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Olivia Robbins (10) with a 20 lb gobbler she shot on youth hunting day in Searsmont while with her grandfather Jim Robbins

